The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a currnet Dish subscriber I feel it is imperative that the proposed Dish/Direct merger be allowed to proceed. The arguments against the merger based on 'a monopoly' are bogus to say the least. How many areas have access to more than one cable provider, very very few?

Congress has already given the Cable industry an unfair advantage by not requiring equal access to local channels on an equal cost basis.

Do the what is fair and equitable to the taxpayers and vote to allow this merger.

Sincerely,

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